

WILSON TRYING TO AVERT RAIL CRISIS

GREAT DRIVE
OF RUSSIANS
IS UNHALTED

Further Gains Scored in the
Upper Sereth, Petrograd
Report Asserts.

PURSUE AUSTRIANS

Enemy Force in Stripa Re-
gion Flee Before Sol-
diers of the Czar.

Petrograd, Aug. 14. (via London, 2:20 p. m.)—Along the Galician front the Russian sweep continues unchecked, today's official announcement states. Further gains have been made on the Upper Sereth. In the region of the Middle Stripa and the Koropce the Austrians are being pursued by the Russians who reached the northern bank of the Dniester before Mariampol.

Paris, Aug. 14.—French troops captured some trenches on the left of the Fay-Delecoeur road in the Somme sector last night, says the war office announcement today. There was brisk cannonading in the region of Maurepas. German attacks near Hill 304 and at Flourey were repulsed.

Germans Gain foothold.
London, Aug. 14.—Attacking British positions near Pozieres on the Somme front, the Germans last night gained a foothold temporarily in a portion of the trenches taken from them yesterday.

Rome, Sunday, Aug. 4.—Description of the vicious Italian offensive in the vicinity of Gorizia are coming in almost hourly. The Austrians are resisting obstinately on the San Gabriele line and San Marco heights but it is probable that this is their real line of defense as they have a new point of resistance on the high plains of Isonzo, overlooking the Gorizia plain, which interferes with the free movement of Italian troops.

The Austrians, although badly defeated at Gorizia, still are strong and full of fight. General Cadorna's further progress probably will be slow as every inch of advance is being contested.

Fighting continues on the other fronts.

"In the Gorizia area artillery duels took place," the statement says. "The enemy's batteries shelled the town and bridges over the Isonzo."

"On the remainder of the front small but sharp encounters took place on the slopes of Forane, at the head of the Contessa valley, on the Boile and on the slopes of Monte Olivaro, in the Suggana valley. The enemy was repulsed everywhere. Hostile batteries bombarded villages in the Upper Chiazza and Cordevele valleys. They were silenced by our artillery."

"Last night hostile air craft dropped bombs on Manfredonia and other places on the lower Isonzo. No damage nor casualties have been reported."

CALL RICH FOLK
FOR WITNESSES

New York, Aug. 14.—Mrs. W. K. Yonck, 11 H. Westinghouse, 124 E. 42d St., and others have been subpoenaed as witnesses in a grand jury inquiry which the district attorney's office announced today would begin tomorrow into the disposition of \$7,000 of funds collected from philanthropic persons by the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Baylis as director of the allied relief fund campaign. According to Assistant District Attorney Boswell, much of the money was used in organization and expense detail of the commission, but none has been expended for the relief work.

TWO BOYS ARRESTED
AFTER "PULLING JOB"

Fairfield, Iowa, Aug. 14.—Ed Von Kutzleben, aged 17, and Dale Voss, aged 15, of Burlington, were arrested in Fairfield early Sunday morning for robbing a hardware store. They were taken by the night burglar as they emerged from the store. Local police say they believe the lads are the same who perpetrated a series of robberies in this city recently, wherein a cash box was stolen from a street car and several confectionaries were looted. The boys made partial confessions of the local crimes. They came from respected families.

Printers Open Convention.
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 14.—The 62nd annual convention of the International Typographical union opened here today.

Delegate and visitors this afternoon attended a crab feast at a river resort.

Guy O'Brien
Caught; Shot
His Fiancee

Morris, Ill., Aug. 14.—Guy O'Brien, a wealthy young farmer, who shot and perhaps fatally wounded his sweet-heart, Miss Ida Torkelson, while she was riding with her mother here last Wednesday, was captured early today near Lee, Ill.

O'Brien was suffering from hunger when caught. He had successfully eluded a posse of farmers and deputy sheriffs since the shooting. The youth appeared at his uncle's home at Lee, Ill., last Thursday night and at the point of a gun demanded a change of clothing. He then fled to points north of Lee.

Miss Torkelson, who was shot twice, is in a hospital here, but is not expected to live. She was engaged to O'Brien but the engagement was broken at the request of her mother because of O'Brien's alleged temper.

O'Brien charged her with receiving the attentions of other men and while she and her mother were driving to Morris, he overtook them in his motor car. When Miss Torkelson refused to get into the car with him, O'Brien fired two bullets into her body.

O'Brien was caught by a posse headed by Mayor F. M. Makestad of Lee. As soon as the crowd in the city learned the fugitive had been captured, threats of lynching spread. The mayor, noting the temper of the crowd, immediately authorized the arrest of O'Brien, who had not been captured and that the prisoner was another man. The citizens were thus quieted and during the early morning the mayor took his prisoner to Yorkville, the seat of Kendall county.

The condition of Miss Torkelson is so precarious that she has not been told of O'Brien's capture.

O'Brien told the authorities he was sorry and had planned to give himself up. Relatives of the wounded girl, all of whom are prominent and wealthy, had offered a reward of \$500 for the youth's capture.

THE WAR TODAY

The Russian drive in Galicia is pushing the Austro-German armies backwards towards Lemberg at a rapid rate.

Both flanks of General Count von Bothmer's army on the Lemberg front are under heavy pressure and his center, forced from the line of the Stripa, is accounted by military observers in entente capitals to have none too secure a position in its rear along the Upper Zlota Lipa, to which it is presumed to be retreating.

Petrograd today announces new gains for the Russians on the northern wing of this front, on the Upper Sereth, while to the south General Letchitsky is continuing his thrust up the Dniester in the vicinity of Mariampol, seven miles from Halicz. The Russian armies in the center also are pursuing the Austrians in the middle Stripa and Koropce regions.

Continuing their advance from Gorizia on the Isonzo front, the Italians have made further progress on the Carso plateau to the southeast.

The Germans have sharply counter attacked along the line west of Pozieres, which London last night reported the British to have carried to a depth of 300 or 400 yards. On a front of nearly a mile, the attack was partly successful.

Following up their gains on the north bank of the Somme the French are pushing their advance to a point where German evacuation of Clercy, commanding the direct approach to Peronne from the northwest may be compelled. Fighting is being continued in the Maurepas sector northwest of Clercy. To the left of the Fay-Delecoeur road a French attack resulted in carrying some trenches.

Battles of the last 48 hours in France, Galicia and on the Italian front have resulted in further gains for the entente allies.

North of the Somme, the British advanced their front from the German line about 300 yards over a mile. The British captured the German trenches near Bazentin-Le-Petit, while the French made further progress around Hill 109.

Berlin claims assaults by the entente allies between Thiepval and the Somme broke down with heavy casualties to the attackers. The fighting near Hem and Maricourt Sunday is said to have been fierce and marked by hand to hand encounters.

The Russians have taken several villages along the upper Sereth river in Galicia and all along this front the Russians are continuing their advance.

The Italians are continuing their strong offensive against the Austrians in the Isonzo region, having driven them from former positions in the Montafione and Gorizia sectors and taken more than 2,000 prisoners.

The Turks claim to have compelled the British to retreat east of the Suez canal with heavy losses, but London asserts that British cavalry is still in pursuit of the Turkish rear guard.

The British in Mesopotamia attempted an advance against the Turks along the Euphrates River, but retreated after two hours fighting. Further advances against the Russians on the Persian front also are claimed by the Turks.

AWAITING THE RETURN

FOIL EFFORT TO
KIDNAP WOMEN

Attempt of Alleged I. W. W. Members
to Make Away With Deputy's
Relatives Missed.

Kinney, Minn., Aug. 14.—Alleged Industrial Workers of the World members attempted to kidnap Mrs. Edward Eno, wife of a deputy sheriff, Mrs. Lucy Clark of Virginia, Minn., and her four-year-old son, as they stepped from a Mesaba electric car here last night. One of a quartet of kidnapers struck Mrs. Clark over the head with a club, according to police, inflicting a serious scalp wound. Another seized the child and jumped into an automobile standing beside the road.

Despite her wound, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Eno broke away and ran screaming down the road. They are sisters. Within five minutes Chief of Police Jesse Palmer was on the trail of the kidnapers with a dozen deputies assisting him. Near the station he met the Clark baby, screaming with fear and holding his arms toward his rescuers. Turning the child over to a deputy, Chief Palmer rushed toward the ditch out of which the men had climbed.

The dog, which had accompanied Chief Palmer began barking furiously at a small pile of brush in the ditch. There policemen found one of the men. One other was found a short distance away.

L. Burdick and Andy Ventch, both alleged prominent among I. W. W. leaders on the range were the two arrested. They are held without bail.

Mrs. Clark is under the care of doctors. The wound is declared serious. The sisters, who live at Virginia, were at Kinney on a visit. The search for the two men who escaped in the automobile is going on today.

SUFFS PREPARING
FOR BIG GATHERING

New York, Aug. 14.—Preparations are being made for a great assemblage of suffragists at Atlantic City, N. J., from September 6 to 10, when leading suffragists from all over the United States will attend the emergency convention of the National American woman's suffrage association to discuss its policy.

The question whether the association shall advocate the granting of suffrage to women by amendment to the federal constitution, through action by the different states or by both methods, will be debated.

The presidential candidates of the democratic and republican parties have been invited to speak.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the association, will preside. Among the speakers announced today are Newton D. Baker, secretary of war; Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau of the United States department of labor; Dr. Katherine B. Davis, chief parole commissioner, New York; Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the national woman's trade union league; Raymond Robins, Herbert Parsons and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw of New York.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity

Showers and somewhat warmer to-
night; Tuesday probably showers and
warmer.

Highest temperature yesterday 75;
lowest last night 57; at 7 a. m. today
61.

Velocity of wind at 7 p. m., 7 miles
an hour.

Precipitation, none.
Humidity at 7 p. m., 42; at 7 a. m.,
62; at 1 o'clock today, 73.

Stage of water, 4.5 feet, with a fall
of 4 of a foot in the last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERNER, Local Forecaster.

Huge Lake Is
Released as
Dam Breaks

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 14.—Daylight
found inhabitants of the Keowee and
Seneca valleys in South Carolina, anx-
iously awaiting the crest of the flood
waters loosened last night by the
breaking of the great dam at Lake
Toxaway, N. C. Warnings of the
flood's approach had been sent broad-
cast.

The collapse of the dam released a
lake which covered 500 acres to an
average depth of thirty feet but so
far as known no lives were lost.

The water's course ran through an
almost uninhabited section of Transyl-
vania county.

The known property damage early
today was \$50,000.

DANES CAST VOTE
TO SELL ISLANDS

Members of Lower House of Denmark
Favor By Vote of 62 to 41 to Dis-
pose of Isles to America.

Copenhagen, Aug. 12.—The Folk-
ething or lower house of the Danish
parliament, today voted in favor of
selling the Danish West Indies to the
United States if a prebiscite favored
the sale. The vote was 62 for the propo-
sition to 44 against it, one member
being denied a vote and six being ab-
sent.

Having taken this action, the Folk-
ething took up the question of ratifica-
tion of the treaty itself, providing for
the sale of the islands. The vote was
the same as that upon the question of
the sale.

DEMOCRATS SLATED
TO CAUCUS TONIGHT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—Senate
democrats will caucus again tonight
to consider further the finance com-
mittee's amendments to the revenue
bill, including the wine and stamp sec-
tions.

At yesterday's caucus the democrats
agreed to a stock license on corpora-
tion to yield about \$20,000,000, elimi-
nation of most of the objectionable
stamp taxes which had once been ac-
cepted and approved an amendment to
the munitions section which would re-
duce the net profit tax on manufac-
turers of materials entering into mun-
itions of war from 10 to 5 per cent.

The caucus is expected to vote to-
day on Senator Lewis' resolution to
defer action on the revenue bill until
the next session of congress and to
authorize a Panama canal bond issue
to meet the government's expenses up
to that time.

CREW MUTINIES ON
CALLAO; CALL HELP

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—With her
crew in a state of mutiny the bark Cal-
lo, which left here Saturday for
New York, was held to last night
somewhere off the Golden Gate await-
ing a tug to bring her back to this port.
The Callo sent a radio call for a tug.
The tug Sea Queen was dispatched to
her aid but returned, having been un-
able to locate the windjammer on ac-
count of the dense fog. Another tug
has been sent out.

Rev. Rev. Brewer Ill.
Helena, Mont., Aug. 14.—The Right
Rev. Leigh R. Brewer, 77, bishop of
the Montana diocese of the Protestant
Episcopal church, is critically ill in
a hospital here of a complication of
diseases due to his advanced years.

LITTLE INTERNAL
STRIKE IN INDIA

Dispatch From Simla Declares Rest-
less Borderland Is Quieter
Than For Years.

London, Aug. 14, via Ottawa.—"In-
ternal conditions in India, save in
portions of Bengal where the Dacoities
periodically break out, are highly
satisfactory," says a Reuter dispatch
from Simla.

"The people of Bengal showed their
desire to help in the war by organiz-
ing a stationary field hospital. After
doing excellent work, this hospital has
now been withdrawn, but scope for the
national and patriotic aspirations of
the Bengalis has been afforded by the
raising of a double company of them.
It will be trained and sent to the front
for active operations. The result of
this experiment will be watched with
interest. Besides the Bengalis, three
double companies of Indian Christians
recruited from the Punjab have re-
cently been raised and are doing well.
"No less than six Indian officers and
soldiers have now earned the Victo-
ria cross and twenty-seven have
gained the military cross."

"All classes of creeds throughout
the entire country held intercession
services Aug. 4, praying in the
churches, mosques and temples for
success for the British armies."

"Relations between the governments
of India and Afghanistan continue to
be of the friendliest character and the
latter is scrupulously maintaining an
attitude of neutrality which was prom-
ised at the beginning of the war and
subsequently reaffirmed."

"In Afridis, the steepest and most
important tribe, has remained staunch
throughout, thereby setting an exam-
ple of loyalty to their neighbors. The
only troublesome factors are the Mah-
suds, a tribe of hereditary robbers and
raiders. Otherwise the restless bor-
derland is quieter than it has been for
many years."

MAIL CARRIERS TO
RENDER FAMILY AID

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14.—The Chicago
branch of the Letter Carriers' associa-
tion took action today to assist the
families of such members as are in the
ranks of the state militia on the Mex-
ican border following the adoption of
a resolution yesterday condemning the
proposed dismissal by the postmaster
general of mail carriers serving in the
army at the border.

At the office of the local postmaster
it was said the circular letter order-
ing the dismissal of carriers in the
ranks of mobilized militia had been
received and will be obeyed. The post-
master said he would take no cogni-
zance of the action of the letter car-
riers' association until their protest
was formally brought to his attention.

Members of the Chicago Letter Car-
riers' association said that to their
protest would soon be added that of
similar organizations throughout the
country. About fifty carriers are af-
fected by the order to the Chicago
office.

MERCURY DROPS 40
DEGREES IN STATE

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14.—Spring-
field and central Illinois awoke this
morning to late fall weather with the
temperature 55 degrees at 7 a. m., after
sweating in 100 degree weather for
many weeks. At 9 o'clock it had risen
to 61, a drop of almost 40 degrees
since last Thursday, the last day of
the hot spell. The chill brought out
winter clothes and caused furnace fires
in many homes.

Famous Historian Dead.
Paris, Aug. 14, (4:00 a. m.)—Mar-
quis de Segur, the historian and mem-
ber of the French academy, died to-
day. He was elected to the academy
in 1907.

FATE OF RAILROADS AND
WORKERS DEPENDING UPON
ACTION OF THE PRESIDENTTRUE MEANING OF
STRIKE SITUATION
SHOWN IN FIGURES

Number of men involved in eight-hour demand	400,000
Total number of employ- ees involved	2,000,000
Number of employees de- manding affected (es- timated)	8,000,000
Number of railroads in- volved	1,285
Mileage of railroads in- volved	257,211
Number of stockholders in roads	625,122
Par value capital stock of railroads involved	\$ 8,638,256,892
Total monthly receipts railroads (April 1916)	\$ 250,987,206
Total monthly expenses (April, 1916)	\$ 189,925,465
Annual amount roads say it would cost to grant demands	\$ 100,000,000
Annual amount men say it would cost	\$ 25,000,000
Total number of cars in- volved	2,507,977
Freight cars (approx- imate)	2,356,000
Passenger cars (ap- proximate)	55,700
Service cars	96,000
Total number of locomo- tives (approximate)	65,000
Investment in railroads (approximate)	\$17,000,000,000

RAILROAD HEAD
FOR ARBITRATION

Declares Belief Wilson Should Appoint
Board to Settle Crisis—Can Not
Grant Demands.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 14.—Samuel
Rea, president of the Pennsylvania
lines, who is here today, declared his
belief that the most practical way to
prevent the impending railroad strike
would be for President Wilson to ap-
point a board of arbitration, composed
of disinterested persons, who should
hear all the facts and then give a de-
cision which should be made binding
by prearrangement of the railroads and
their employees.

"I am opposed to further attempts
at mediation between the interested
parties," said Mr. Rea. "What is need-
ed is arbitration by a board composed
of persons outside the controversy."
"We want to do everything possible
to avert the threatened strike but it is
economically and practically impossi-
ble to grant the demands of the men.
One thing is certain, the railroads will
not be coerced into making concessions."

MUNRO WILL BEGIN
CAMPAIGN ON STUMP

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Fayette S. Mun-
ro, candidate for the republican nom-
ination for attorney general, will be-
gin his speaking campaign tomorrow
at Waukegan and make a canvass of
the northern counties of the state. Later
he will invade the central and
southern sections of the state before
coming to Cook county to close his
fight. Contesting with Mr. Munro are
State Senator Richard J. Barr of Joliet,
Edward J. Brundage of Chicago,
Geo. H. Wilson of Quincy and Walter
M. Provine of Taylorville.

Mr. Munro, prosecuted the John B.
Fergus suits whereby he declares the
state was saved about \$500,000 annu-
ally in administrative reforms.

ILLINOIS BRIGADE
IS ON 33 MILE HIKE

Camp Wilson, Fort Sam Houston,
Tex., Aug. 14.—The first Illinois bri-
gade began its 33 mile hike to Lan-
da's park early today. Selma, Tex., will
be the camping spot tonight. The
march will be completed in two days.
Captain Arthur Furlong and Lieuten-
ant John McGillen of Company L, Sev-
enth Illinois Infantry, have resigned.
Another resignation was that of Cap-
tain John P. Sheyng, veteran adjutant
of the Second Infantry. Col. Gar-
rity has appointed Captain Edward A.
Lutter his successor.

Preparations are being made for in-
spection of the first brigade by Gov-
ernor Dunne of Illinois and Adjutant
General Dickson and staff at Land's
park.

51 Cases of Plague in Chicago.
Chicago, Aug. 14.—Three additional
cases of infantile paralysis were re-
ported last night, making fifty-one in
Chicago.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon.
Resumed debate on ship bill.
Senator Penrose asked for in-
quiry into appointments of gov-
ernment employees outside the civil
service.

Bill to appropriate \$200,000 for
West Virginia flood sufferers was
introduced by Senator Chilton.

HOUSE.

Not in session. Meets Tuesday.

Executive Receives Dele-
gates of the Employees in
Two-Hour Conference.

HOPES FOR EARLY END

Appeals to the Patriotism of
Men and Urges Quick
Settlement of Crisis.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Pros-
pects for avert a nationwide
railway strike or at least for the
formulation of some tentative pro-
gram which will be the ground
work for further negotiations,
brightened up today after Presi-
dent Wilson had conferred with 35
chiefs of the great brotherhoods.

After the conference, the broth-
erhood men declared the presi-
dent's grasp of the situation and
the position of the men might re-
sult in an understanding being
reached and others in touch with
the conference said the represen-
tatives of the men showed a dispo-
sition to cooperate to avoid a
strike.

After hearing the leaders of the men
two hours, the president sent for the
managers for a conference at 3 o'clock
this afternoon.

"The president was most sympathet-
ic," said one of the brotherhood lead-
ers, "and his surprising knowledge of
the situation and of our position may
result in an understanding being
reached."

The president, it was said, submit-
ted no counter proposition to the men
but held out hope for an adjustment
by legislation if necessary.

The impression prevailed among the
brotherhoods' leaders that as a last
resort the president might ask con-
gress for eight-hour day legislation.

The leaders explained to the presi-
dent their stand against arbitration by
saying that they were carrying out the
wishes of the 600 delegates who sat
with them at their meeting with the
federal mediators.

The brotherhoods' leaders presented
to the president detailed reports of
the vote cast in favor of a general
strike.

Lay Case Before Executive.

Railroad managers and brotherhood
leaders, deadlocked in negotiations
which threaten a nation wide railroad
strike, today laid their case before
President Wilson.

First came 35 representatives of the
brotherhoods, who conferred with the
president shortly after 10 o'clock.
They were followed by the committee
of managers.

The brotherhood men went into the
conference firm in their determination
not to accept an arbitration under the
Newlands act.

There were some indications that the
president might propose a special ar-
bitration board of 12 members, on
which the four great brotherhoods
could be represented.

The president's plan was to appeal
to managers and men on the highest
patriotic grounds to find a way to com-
pose their differences without a strike.

Through With Newlands Act.
Before the conferences were held,
A. B. Garretson, speaking for the
brotherhoods, declared that the men
were through with arbitration under
the Newlands act. Previous arbitra-
tions under that law, he reiterated, had
demonstrated that the neutral arbitra-
tors held the balance of power. He
said any special arbitration into
which the men might agree to enter,
would have to make provision for an
extension of those arbitrators to give
the men what they consider a fair
chance.

"The chief objection to the existing
form of arbitration of the part of the
brotherhoods," said Garretson today,
"centers of the difficulty that has been
expected in selecting neutral arbitra-
tors who could do justice to the cause
of the men. In the past there have
been neutral arbitrators of high stand-
ing and intelligence; such men as John
H. Finley of New York and Seth Low,
former mayor. No matter how honest
their intentions they could not bring to
bear on the questions at issue the dis-
interestedness necessary."

Neutrals Influenced, Claim.
Finley's future relies entirely on the
direction of corporate influences, while
Low, although honest, was surely in-
fluenced by the fact that he is a large
owner of stocks and bonds.

"The appointments of neutral arbitra-
tors in the past under the provisions of
the Newlands act have damned arbitra-
tion as a practical proposition in the
minds of the men."

W. L. Chambers, of the federal medi-
ators, conferred with President Wilson
early this morning and arranged for
the conferences. The president can-
celled a long list of engagements in or-
der to give all his time to the situation.

Garretson Outlines Case.
The president's conference with the
men was opened with a statement by
A. B. Garretson of the conductors, as
spokesman. He outlined the demands
for an eight hour day and time and a

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